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1. OVN OCTOBER 5, PRIMIN MANLEY ANNOUNCED THAT NOMINATION DAY WILL BE OCTOBER 14 AND THAT ELECTION DAY WILL BE OCTOBER 30. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AT THE CLOSE OF A TWO HOUR SPEECH IN SAM SHARPE SQUARE, MONTEGO BAY, IN WHICH MANLEY SET OUT WHAT WILL PROBABLY BE THE THEME OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY'S CAPAIGN (SEPTEL) MANLEY ADDED THAT THE ELECTORAL LIST WAS READY AND COPIES WILL BE GIVEN TO BOTH PARTIES TODAY (OCTOBER 6) AND THAT THE ELECTORAL MACHINERY IS IN PLACE.
2. MANLEY ADDRESSED A CROWD ESTIMATED BY EMBASSY OBSERVER AT 30,000 THE GOVERNMENT OWNED JAMACAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (JBC) HOWEVER, SAID THAT OFFICIAL POLICE ESTIMATE WAS 150,000.

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ALTHOUGH SOME BUSES TRANSPORTATING PARTY SUPPORTERS FROM KINGSTON WERE REPOREDLY STONED ENROUTE TO MONTEGO BAY, NO VIOLENCE OCCURRED AT THE EVENT. THE CROWD WAS REPORTEDLY ENTHUSIASTIC BUT THE SPEECH WAS NOT MARKED BY ANY SUSTAINED OR EXUBERANT APPLAUSE.
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